

**EPA – ADEQ Mid-Year Meeting:  
CWA § 404 Assumption Discussion  
Thursday, March 22, 2018, 9:15-10:00am  
ADEQ Phoenix Office**

1. Introductions (2 min)
2. ADEQ status report and overall approach (3 min)
3. Discuss the approach to working together (10 min)
  - a. ADEQ needs from EPA
    - Information on how others have handled challenging issues (e.g. Florida ESA MOU)
  - b. Identify a detailed schedule so that EPA can plan for providing comments/assistance
4. Identification of challenging issues (10 min)
  - a. Lack of regulatory clarity in 404 state assumption requirements
  - b. Overlap with other federal laws (e.g. ESA)
  - c. Discuss how to structure conversations regarding the challenging issues
5. Identify how ADEQ's program will align with the current Corps program and rules (2 min)
6. How ADEQ plans and EPA's suggestions for consulting with: (3 min)
  - a. Corps
  - b. Tribes
  - c. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - d. Others?
7. Public involvement process (5 min)
  - a. What plans ADEQ already has
  - b. EPA suggestions
8. Budget - How to fund the program from development through operation (8 min)
  - a. Fee for service
  - b. Clarity on federal funding options (EPA to discuss)
  - c. Will assumption work be included in ADEQ's federal work plan
  - d. Building ADEQ's capacity and program expertise (e.g., functional assessment methodology, delineation of waters of U.S., tribal and ESA consultations, enforcement)
9. Summarize Action Items (2 min)